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1. DECEMBER 5 WE RECEIVED CIRCULAR NOTE NUMBER 12/AE/AC.2
TO ALL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZA-
TIONS FROM LPDR FOREIGN OFFICE, OUR TRANSLATION OF WHICH
FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE
LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS
TO THE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANI-
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ZATIONS ACCREDITED IN LPDR AND HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM
THEM OF THE FOLLOWING:

1 - ALL MOVEMENT OF FOREIGNERS, INCLUDING DIPLO-
MATS AND EXPERTS, OUTSIDE THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE
CAPITAL OF VIENTIANE, WILL HEREAFTER BE CONTROLLED IN
ORDER BETTER TO ASSURE FACILITIES AND ORDER FOR THE

INTERESTED PARTIES.

2 - IN APPLICATION OF THIS CONTROL, THERE WILL BE PLACED IN USE BY THE COMPETENT LAO AUTHORITIES TWO KINDS OF SIGNBOARDS:

A. THE CONTROL POST SIGNBOARD WITH THE FOLLOWING INSCRIPTION IN LAO AND IN FRENCH: "ATTENTION* END OF VISITING ZONE FOR FOREIGNERS 200 METERS AHEAD. PLEASE PRESENT YOUR LAISSEZ-PASSER TO THE CONTROL POST." THIS SIGNBOARD WILL BE PLACED AT VARIOUS POINTS, TO WIT:

ON THE LUANG PRABANG ROAD, NEAR THE SIKHAY MARKET;
ON THE PAKSANE ROAD NEAR THE HONGXENG-PHONKHENG BRIDGE;
ON THE BAN NAKHOUAY ROAD NEAR THE THAT LUANG MARKET;
ON THE THADEUA ROAD NEAR THE CHINAIMO CROSSROADS.

B. THE SIGNBOARD FORBIDDING PASSAGE WITH THE FOLLOWING INSCRIPTIONS IN LAO AND FRENCH: "END OF VISITING ZONE FOR FOREIGNERS." THIS SIGN BOARD WILL BE PLACED AT ALL POINTS WHICH THE AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING ORDER CONSIDER NECESSARY.

3 - WHEN A MEMBER OF A DIPLOMATIC MISSION OR AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION INTENDS TO MOVE BEYOND THESE POINTS MENTIONED IN 2.A. ABOVE, THE MISSION TO WHICH HE BELONGS IS REQUESTED TO NOTIFY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AFFAIRS (DEPARTMENT OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS) BY NOTE VERBALE 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE, GIVING THE FOLLOWING DETAILS:

- NAME AND FIRST NAMES
- OCCUPATION
- NATIONALITY
- DATE OF DEPARTURE
- EXACT DESTINATION
- REASON FOR TRAVEL
- DATE OF RETURN
- MAKE AND LICENSE NUMBER OF VEHICLE
- NAME AND NATIONALITY OF PERSONS WHO ACCOMPANY HIM (IF THERE ARE ANY).

4 - THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILL DELIVER IN EACH CASE TWO COPIES OF THE LAISSEZ-PASSER, ONE OF WHICH SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE CONTROL POST ON THE WAY OUT AND THE OTHER RETAINED BY THE PASSENGER THROUGHOUT HIS TRAVEL AND DELIVERED TO THE CONTROL POST ON HIS RETURN.

5. AS FOR FOREIGN EXPERTS, THE LAO MINISTRY OR

ORGANIZATION TO WHICH THEY ARE ATTACHED SHOULD ACT FOR THEM WITH THE OFFICE OF EXPERTS AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, WHICH IS AUTHORIZED TO DELIVER FOR THEM LAISSEZ-PASSER UNDER THE SAME CONDITIONS AS THOSE MENTIONED IN POINTS 3 AND 4 ABOVE.

6. IN ADDITION TO THE LAISSEZ-PASSER REQUIRED THE PERSON WHO PASSES THE CONTROL POST SHOULD HAVE WITH HIM IN EVERY CASE AN IDENTITY DOCUMENT.

7. FOR FOREIGN EXPERTS AND "COOPERANTS" WHO WORK OUTSIDE THE CITY, THE NATIONAL POLICE WILL DELIVER, AT THE REQUEST OF THE LAO MINISTRY OR ORGANIZATION TO WHICH THEY ARE ATTACHED, A SPECIAL CARD SERVING AS A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PERMANENT LAISSEZ-PASSER.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TAKES THIS OCCASION TO RENEW TO THE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGH CONSIDERATION.

VIENTIANE, DECEMBER 1, 1977

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